Hydro-Electric Scheme.

48. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table the report of Diwan (now Sir) J. W. Bhore regarding the working of the Perunnal-kuthu water falls?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the first part of the answer to question No. 23 of the Budget Session ot 1107.

Hydro-Electric Scheme—Report.

49. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table the reports made in connection with the Hydro-Electric Scheme by other Engineering Experts?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 48.

Supply of Electric power.

50. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have now entered into any contract for the supply of Electric Power to the State?

(b) if so, with whom;

(c) for what period;

(d) on what term?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) Not yet.

(b) No answer is necessary

(c) do

(d) do

Mr P. Raman Menon.—Is the answer correct with reference to to-day? Is there anything definitely settled to-day?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes, the answer is true to-day also.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is anything definitely settled with regard to that?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the proposed terms of the contract?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The proposed terms are under consideration. I think no public purpose is served by divulging all the details.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to give the House an opportunity to discuss the question before they finally enter into contract with a foreign power?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is impossible to give a categorical answer. The suggestion will be noted.

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Mr. C. A. Ouseph —May I know whether the ultimate idea is to develop our own scheme?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Does the correspondence so far show that in the idea of entering into negotiations Government has the intention of developing our own scheme?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It does.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May we know how?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Unfortunately I cannot divulge all these conditions, because it is a commercial concern and it is not wise or practical to divulge all these details. It is not fair either to us or to them.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I submit that it is not fair to us that, when we have our own scheme, we should go to a foreign power?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government will consider that and pass them only if they are favourable to us.

Hydro-Electric Scheme.

51. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government has given up the State Hydro-Electric Scheme referred to above?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The State Hydro-Electric Scheme is under consideration of the Government.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is the Government in a position to state to-day that the Hydro-Electric Scheme of our State will not be given up?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The State scheme will not be given up.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is the Government in a position to give us an assurance?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—That is what I stated.

Condition of Moongilmada Road.

52. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the deplorable condition of the road from Palghat boundary to the Pollachi boundary *via* Kozhinjampara popularly called Moongilmada road;

(2) is it not a fact that the road was not in such a bad condition at any time before;

(3) were not complaints received from bus owners and others regarding it; if so, what is the action taken;

(4) is it not a main trunk road;

(5) what is the reason for its present miserable condition

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